

WEATHER SYNOPSIS

An open storm is centered off the North-west Coast and fresh to high easterly winds may extend to the Strait and beyond. Fair and cold weather prevails in Shuswap and Kootenai.

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Allegations on "Big Cheese" To Be Probed

Mr. W. T. McArthur Will Be Summoned to Give Evidence Before Committee Regarding Beer Licence

Full Investigation Asked by Member

Vancouver Lawyer of Mr. McArthur Testifies as to Franchise Application and Situation in That City

Mr. Elmore Meredith, Vancouver lawyer, gave testimony at the Public Accounts Committee probe into the beer licence situation in Vancouver, at the committee sitting yesterday. He was solicitor for Mr. H. J. McArthur, whose failure to obtain a licence for the Palace Hotel resulted in the charges made by Mr. McArthur and his partner, Mr. Jack Shannon, before the committee last week.

Meredith stated that he had not had anything to do with any political influences in connection with the matter, nor had he taken any instructions from Mr. Shannon. He had been retained, he said, by Mr. McArthur in connection with threatened proceedings over the lease that the former locomotive engineer had entered into for the operation of the Palace Hotel, for which he hoped to obtain a licence, and incidentally had done what he could to obtain a licence for his client, as also with the proceedings for specific performance of the lease. He said that he had done all that he could for his client, as he would for any man for whom he was acting and whom he thought was "getting a rotten deal."

Meredith, W. T. McArthur and Shannon will be summoned before the committee, at the request of Major B. J. Burde, who said that an ugly picture had been painted of the situation, and if such a picture was justified then it should remain fixed in the public mind, but if it was not then it should be blotted out. He wished to have a full investigation of the ugly thing.

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Edmonton Mayor Gets Third Term

Mr. Kenneth A. Blatchford Given Majority Over All Five Opponents Together

EDMONTON, Dec. 14.—Kenneth A. Blatchford was re-elected Mayor of Edmonton today, for a third term, by one of the largest majorities ever recorded by a majority candidate in this city. Returns from sixty-eight out of ninety-seven divisions at midnight showed Blatchford 7,433 votes, while the combined vote of his five opponents totalled 6,232. At that hour Blatchford's majority over Alderman J. A. Clarke, his nearest opponent, was 5,414.

Seattle Warrant Issued For B.C. Mining Operator

SEATTLE, Dec. 14.—Grand jury today issued a warrant against Harry Quick, president of the Harite Field Mines Co., Ltd., a British Columbia corporation, who is said to have operated in selling stock extensively in Seattle.

The complaint was issued by Deputy Prosecutor R. Hanford, at the request of K. J. Kovalu, skipper of the La Touche, one of the Alaska Steamship Company's vessels, plying between Seattle and Alaska ports. Kovalu alleged he had been swindled out of \$350 in a fake stock deal.



Tuesday, December 15

349th Day, 1925

THE WEATHER

Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong east and south winds, mild with rain.

Sun Rise: 7:59 o'clock.
Sun Set: 4:18 o'clock.
High Tide: 1:01 p.m., 9.9 feet.
Low Tide: 9:32 p.m., 0.7 foot.

Deep Sea Shipping

Arrival—
Ss. Africa Maru, O.R.K., from Yokohama, morning.

The News

Local and Provincial—
Government's dealings with brewers, including famous retroactive increase in beer prices, have caused general election talk. The issue was investigated by Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. W. T. McArthur, alleged "Big Cheese" of Vancouver Liberalism, will be called to give evidence before committee regarding beer licence case.

Liberal members vote with Opposition against Government's plan to rush business of House so as to get through the session.

Domestic, Imperial and Foreign—
Great Britain expressed willingness to compromise with Turkey if League award in Mosul dispute favors British.

League asks Russia to aid in preparing for international economic conference.

Seamen's leaders in Australia, victorious in appeal against deportation order, say government and Premier Poise creates four new cardinals at secret consistory at Rome.

Sued by Australian Sailor Union Leaders



PREMIER STANLEY M. BRUCE

Of Australia, co-defendant with his Government in £20,000 damage suits launched by Tom Walsh and Jacob Johannsen, president and secretary, respectively, of the Australian Seamen's Union, whom the Commonwealth recently ordered deported. The suits have been started by the Laborites following a successful appeal to the high court of Australia last week.

Seamen's Chiefs Sue Australian Prime Minister

Success of Appeal Against Deportation Order Followed by Damage Claims Against Government

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Dec. 14.—Tom Walsh and Jacob Johannsen, president and secretary of the Australian Seamen's Union, whose appeal against the government's order of deportation was upheld last week by the high court, have brought suits against the government and Premier Bruce for £20,000 each.

Their wives also have filed suits asking £5,000 each for the loss occasioned by their husbands' detention. Mrs. Walsh, formerly Mrs. Adel Pankhurst, youngest daughter of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the noted militant suffragette leader.

Walsh and Johannsen were arrested on November 10 under an order which had been prominently associated with the recent unofficial strike of British seamen. They were released December 11, when the high court upheld their appeal.

Until the reasons for the decision of the high court have been announced, it is impossible to state what the government will do in order to give effect to its policy. Premier Bruce said today the verdict of the court had given effect to the decision of the Commonwealth's powers were more limited than was generally supposed and more narrow than what was expected. He said the government would hold a referendum for an amendment of the constitution.

Wives Go to Court, Too

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Dominion to Begin Drive for Settlers

Two Hundred Thousand Farmers Wanted Every Year, Says Hon. Charles Stewart

WINNIPEG, Dec. 14.—"Plans are being made for the carrying out of a vigorous immigration policy covering the United States, the British Isles and European countries—and Canada can absorb 200,000 agricultural settlers per year," declared Hon. Charles Stewart, acting Minister of Immigration, interviewed here today. This is the first time that the Dominion Government will aim to bring in 200,000 settlers for the next year.

Mr. Stewart, while stating that the complete immigration policy will not be made public until Parliament meets, intimated that railway and steamship companies would co-operate in the drive. The Dominion Immigration Department will interest themselves in securing United States men away over a distance of 500 feet and to settle ninety per cent of the newcomers on the land, as compared with twenty-five per cent so settled in the days of heavy immigration.

Lake Breaks Dam; Village Threatened

Pulp Plant Flooded When Quebec Barriers Give Way Before Pressure of Water

ROBerval, Que., Dec. 14.—The sudden rise of the Lac des Commissions over the week-end caused two dams to collapse, threatening with inundation the village of Val Jallbert in Northern Quebec. Timely closing of a lock shut off the water. One dam gave way over a distance of 500 feet and had broken down about thirty feet when the water was placed under control.

The pulp and paper mills at Val Jallbert were flooded and Canadian National tracks were covered with three feet of water. It is estimated that it will cost \$200,000 to rebuild the broken dams.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 14.—Fred Parker, postal clerk, was found guilty of taking a letter containing \$5 from the mails, and was today sentenced by Magistrate Graydon to three years in the Kingston prison.

League Asks Russia to Aid Trade Parley

Move to Hasten Moscow's Return to Political Life of Europe Seen in Geneva Invitation

Delegate Wanted On Economic Body

Soviet Assistance Desired in Preparing for Commercial Conference as Well as for Disarmament Conference

GENEVA, Dec. 14.—The League of Nations took another step today calculated to hasten Russia's return to the political and economic life of Europe when at secret session the League Council decided to invite a representative of Russia to sit on the special committee which is to pave the way for an international economic conference.

This action, coming immediately after the dispatch of an invitation to Moscow to participate in the preparations for a disarmament conference, has created extraordinary interest.

Former Failures Ignored

It means that the Western powers of Europe here are determined to make another attempt to restore normal economic relations between Russia and the outside world and are not dismayed by the failure of the Ginevra league conference.

Linked with the statements of members of the Council earlier in the day, at the ceremony in connection with the signing of the Locarno treaties with the League of Nations, that the Locarno accords are aimed at nobody, today's action is interpreted as a move to accelerate Russia's entrance into the League.

Peace Stabilized

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Film Magnate Raps U.S. as Intolerant

Christ Would Be Jailed If He Came on Earth Today, Says Mr. D. W. Griffith

TORONTO, Dec. 14.—"If Christ came to America and he did what he did in the New Testament he would be put in jail. Intolerance is a curse never gone further than this, that a country would imprison its gods, its ideal." This statement, D. W. Griffith, movie director, made this afternoon to the Canadian Club here. Next to Sovietism, Mr. Griffith contended that the world's worst evil was intolerance, which he said was the most striking manifestation of the latter was the Volstead Act.

He declared he was not against prohibition, but he did not believe in it. Following up his argument on intolerance he said that it was brought about by a few fanatics getting together and "going to it" without opposition. It is rather astonishing that our country is the first ever known in which the reputed best citizens have risen up and declared themselves better than their God.

Another manifestation of intolerance was in the censorship of moving pictures. The stories in novels, magazines and pictures were within the law when they were still, but immoral when they were moving. "Shakespeare could not have written with a censor at his elbow. Now a few persons can say: 'Don't do it, we don't like it.'"

Girl Killed Self, Says Inquest Jury

Vancouver Stenographer Said to Have Been Temporarily Insane at Moment of Deed

VANCOUVER, Dec. 14.—A coroner's jury which today investigated the death of Jessie H. Rose, twenty-year-old stenographer, who last Friday was found dead at the office of Davidson, Wright, Ltd., customs brokers, returned a verdict that Miss Rose had died as the result of a self-inflicted bullet wound while temporarily insane.

Both of the partners in the business where Miss Rose worked gave testimony. That given by William B. Davidson brought in the name of A. C. Wright, when he said the girl told him during an interview in his office that Wright was responsible for her delicate condition.

He testified that the girl was in a very disturbed mental state in the days before the tragedy, as she had then said: "If you won't run away with me, I will make you a sporting proposition: I will shoot myself. I will shoot myself."

Body Found in Harbor

VANCOUVER, Dec. 14.—The badly decomposed body of an unidentified man was found floating in the harbor today near the Second Narrows.

Brewers' Deal With Att.-Gen. To Be Probed

Public Accounts Committee Will Review Famous Retroactive Gift to Beer Ring Before 1924 Election

Recall Mr. Manson's Admission to Press

Premier Resists Mr. Davie's Attempt to Bring Government's Beer Record Before Select Committee

CHARGES made by Mr. C. F. Davie (Cowan-Newcastle) to the effect that the Attorney-General had given false and misleading answers to questions asked respecting the cost of beer and the arrangement between the Government and the Amalgamated Brewers' Agency will be investigated by the Public Accounts Committee. Mr. Davie asked for a select committee to go into the question, but an amendment offered by Premier Oliver referring the subject to the Public Accounts Committee carried after considerable debate in the Legislature last night.

The Attorney-General explained at considerable length the prices paid for beer and contradicted a statement said to have been made under oath by the liquor commissioner to the effect that a beer vendor applying for beer for his licensed parlor must take the brands of beverage that the Amalgamated Brewers' Agency wished to send. The Attorney-General said that the brands asked for were supplied.

To Public Accounts

The Premier's amendment carried after division and the Public Accounts Committee, which is already investigating allegations in respect to the manner in which beer licenses are issued in Vancouver, will probe the whole matter of cost, manufacture and methods of distributing beer—provided there is time. The Legislature is endeavoring to complete its labors by Saturday night, and if this is accomplished there will not be a great deal of information gathered before that time respecting the various phases of the beer situation.

Premier Oliver, speaking to his amendment to have the matters affected by Mr. Davie's resolution referred to the Public Accounts Committee for investigation, pointed out that that body had already delved to a considerable extent into questions relating to beer and the beer business, and he considered that the committee was well equipped and quite capable of carrying on any additional investigation into the matter.

No Select Committee

"The Public Accounts Committee has already a large programme of work before it," Mr. Davie answered in defence of his efforts to secure a select committee to investigate the matter. "The eleven-hour work-out either canvassing or investigating the situation. We would be put back where we were over twenty years ago if the bill were adopted."

Humorist's Wife Succumbs to Cancer

Mrs. Stephen Leacock Makes Futile Trip to Liverpool to Try New Cure

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Beatrice Leacock, wife of Dr. Stephen Leacock, noted Canadian humorist and writer, and head of the department of political economy at McGill University, Montreal, died in a nursing home here today. Her husband and her mother, Mrs. R. S. Hamilton, of Toronto, were with her when she died.

Mrs. Leacock was brought to Liverpool from Canada about three weeks ago, following an ineffectual operation for cancer, in the hope that a cure might be found in the new lead treatment recently discovered by Dr. W. Blair Bell, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Liverpool. Unfortunately her illness had advanced to such a stage before her arrival in Liverpool as to render it impossible for her to respond to the treatment.

Liberal Members Disapprove Government's Rushing Tactics

"Stampede" Methods Adopted to Avoid Sitting After Christmas Against Best Interests of Province, Mr. R. H. Pooley, Opposition Leader, Tells Legislature

TWO unlooked for incidents featured the division yesterday afternoon in the Legislature on the resolution moved by Premier Oliver to hold the Government's budget before the Legislature. The first was that Mr. Charles Woodward, senior member for Vancouver, and Mr. G. H. Perry, Fort George, voted with the Opposition, the other was that the Labor members all voted for longer hours and no more pay.

Objection was voiced to the resolution by Mr. R. H. Pooley, Conservative leader, who said that the proposed budget was intended to try and rush the business of the House through before Christmas. There was a feeling prevalent that the members were some bills of a minor character to be presented. He was sure that matters could be considered diligently.

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Represents Mexico At Federal Capital



GEN. LUIS MEDINA BARRON

Who has been appointed Mexican Consul-General for the Dominion of Canada. The Mexican Government hopes to develop trade with Canada.

Sportsmen Seek Action Stayed On Game Bill

Victoria Fish and Game Body Against New Measure—Government Policy Scored

New System Is Suggested

Vigorously scoring the Provincial Government for its new game bill, which in effect proposes scrapping the whole of the Game Conservation Board and centering the entire administration of game laws in the hands of the Provincial police, the Victoria Fish and Game Association, in meeting assembled last night, unanimously decided to request the Provincial Legislature to give the new legislation a year's trial.

If the demand of this organization is carried out, the Provincial Government will be supplied, before the session of the House next year, with proposals for the administration of game regulations which will meet with the firm approval of the majority of the sportsmen of the Province.

City Servants Get More Pay

Council Orders Salary Increases, Averaging Ten Per Cent, for Staff at City Hall

Substantial salary increases were last night granted to practically every member of the City Hall staff when the Council went into private session to consider recommendations of the Mayor and finance committee.

The increases average about ten per cent, Mayor Penland said last night in a statement to The Colonist. They will be made retroactive as from December 1.

Last week Mayor Penland made a thorough canvass of the salary situation at the City Hall. He called heads of departments into conference and prepared a report making definite recommendations regarding each employee, based on considerations of responsibility, borne, efficiency and length of service.

With few exceptions the Council accepted unanimously the recommendations in each case.

"The opinion of the Council," said Mayor Penland after the meeting, "is that many of the members of the staff have been seriously underpaid. Many of them have done large sums of money and occupy positions entailing the shouldering of heavy burdens of responsibility. Yet these men have been receiving remuneration on a scale much lower than that prevailing in responsible business houses of the city."

"If the city expects faithful, willing and efficient service from its employees it should expect to have to pay commensurate salaries. It is my candid opinion, as a business man myself, that the intelligent efficiency of the City Hall staff is above the average to be found among the employees of private business firms in the Province. Despite the increases granted tonight, I think that a few of the men will continue to be underpaid."

"I believe that the decision to increase the emoluments of the staff will meet with general satisfaction. When one compares the amount of work done by the Victoria staff with the achievements of much larger staffs in other cities, one is easily convinced that the increases are justified. The salaries here, even after the increase, are still lower than those obtaining in cities where the municipal civil service is heavily overstaffed."

Dr. Koch Asked to Form New German Ministry

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—Dr. M. Koch, German Democratic party leader, today was accorded the task of forming the coalition cabinet desired by President Hindenburg to carry out the policies and obligations of the Locarno Security Pact.

Toronto Diamond Rings Stolen

TORONTO, Dec. 14.—Valuable diamond rings of a total value of \$10,000 were stolen from the showrooms of Ellis Bros. in the downtown section of the city Saturday night. It became known today, thieves making their escape while customers filled the store. The thief picked two locks on a door leading to a small room where valuable gems were exhibited.

Great Britain Ready To Reach Compromise With Turks on Mosul

If League Decides in Favor of British Stand, London Will Be Willing to Concede Turkey Parts of Territory for Sake of Peaceful Relations, Colonial Secretary Says—Eager to Give Good Terms

Geneva Decision Favoring Britain Expected If Mediation Efforts Fail

GENEVA, Dec. 14.—Making a definite announcement as to Great Britain's intentions concerning Mosul in case the League council's decision should prove favorable to the British thesis, L. C. M. Amery, Secretary for the Colonies, in a statement to The Associated Press tonight declared that the British Government would be only too willing to discuss with Turkey any minor adjustments of the arrangements. This would be, he said, with the idea of making the situation mutually more satisfactory and conducive to the establishment of permanent good relations.

The British spokesman told British press correspondents tonight that Great Britain was ready to accept the so-called Brussels line if the council so decided.

This line virtually gives Mosul in its entirety to Great Britain as mandatory, leaving a narrow strip in the north to Turkey.

The spokesman continued:

"Great Britain cannot compromise on the question of principle, and is eager to give the best terms possible to Turkey, though not before the issue of right is settled by the council. In the meantime there is no basis of negotiations, because the two viewpoints are so far apart that discussions with Turkey can begin only after the League's decision."

It is expected that announcement of this decision will be made Wednesday. If mediation fails, League circles predict a decision favorable to Great Britain.

The League council held another secret session tonight devoted to Mosul. M. Paul Boncour of France, after the meeting remarked enigmatically: "All is hopeful."

Legion to Take Service Bureau 'Over at Ottawa

New Organization Assumes Control as Soon as Unity Merger Is Completed, Says Sir Percy Lake

VANCOUVER, Dec. 14.—Returned soldiers in British Columbia are up in arms to prevent the closing of the veterans' adjustment service bureau maintained at Ottawa by the Great War Veterans' Association.

Walter Drinnan, provincial secretary of the G.W.V.A., said today that Lieut.-Gen. Sir Percy Lake has been asked to use his influence to have the bureau maintained until the merger of the returned men has been completed in the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League.

Lieut.-Gen. Sir Percy Lake, recently elected president of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, said last night that it was the intention of the organization, which he is the head in take over the veterans' bureau at Ottawa as soon as the unity merger is completed.

"Presumably General Turner, V.C., Dominion G.W.V.A. president, is taking steps to make certain that sufficient funds will be available in the Great War Veterans' Association to assure the carrying on of the bureau until such time as the unity merger has been put into full effect," Sir Percy said. He took it for granted that the bureau would be maintained for the present.

Christian Leader's Soldiers Defeated

Marshal Feng Driven Back on Two Fronts by General Li, Chihli Governor

TIENTSIN, Dec. 14.—General Li Chih-ling, Governor of Chihli, has won victories on two fronts in the vicinity of Tientsin over the Kuomintang army, the head of which is Marshal Feng Tu-hsiang, the "Christian General," who controls the city.

Foreigners arriving from the eastern front confirm reports that Li's army at Tientsin, forty-five miles east of Tientsin, has forced back a few of the Kuomintang army, composed of inferior divisions, while forty miles to the south of this city another of the Governor's armies has defeated the second Kuomintang army at Maching.

Tientsin was besieged today in celebration of the victories.

Communication between Tientsin and Shantung Province has been restored, but there has been no communication between Tientsin and Peking for many days, the people here being ignorant of events in the capital. The telephone and telegraph lines have been cut and the roads torn up, while attempts to restore railway communication have proved futile.

A bridge over the Hsinho River has been blown up.

Looting Becomes General As Chang Troops Retreat

TOKIO, Dec. 14.—Official advice from Mukden, capital of Manchuria, report that the troops of Marshal Chang Tso Lin, Manchurian dictator, are retreating from Singmafu and Mukden and that looting is general. The Japanese residents are panic-stricken.

It is understood that the war office is planning a hurried replacement of troops if the situation becomes more serious, but that the additional troops will bring the total to no more than the normal quota which at present is

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VICTORIA'S ART GALLERY

The lack of public interest in the art gallery maintained by the Arts and Crafts Society at the Crystal Garden is not a pleasing reflection on the attitude of Victorians towards the handicraft of local artists and towards treasures of some value that have been assembled at this exhibition. The attendance daily is very slim, sometimes almost a non-existent quantity. During the years past there have been spasmodic efforts to get an art gallery for this community, the original conception being that it would be free to the public and thus prove an educational feature of the community's life. Those efforts were never pursued to their conclusion until the construction of the Crystal Garden. Now there is an art gallery, but the public are not frequenting it, so that it may be assumed some change in the present arrangement is desirable.

It is not the fault of the art gallery that it has not caught the public fancy. It is an exhibition of very much more than ordinary interest. It is a feature that should appeal to all who love art and one, too, that should attract the attention of the educational authorities to the extent that the school children should be given opportunities of seeing the different collections from time to time. The stumbling block appears to be the price of admission. It would be an excellent thing if some arrangement could be made to have such a gallery open free to the public at all times. Since, however, money is needed for its upkeep it would be necessary, if entrance is to be free, that the municipality should subsidize so much annually. The amount would be small, almost negligible compared with the benefits that would accrue, and the proposal might well be laid definitely before the Mayor and aldermen for their consideration.

Vancouver is considering a proposal for bringing into existence an art gallery in that community and one statement made in connection with it is that a sum of \$100,000 is promised to provide a building. Victoria has the accommodation provided by the generosity of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The pictures and other works of art are assembled through the generosity and enthusiasm of local people, and in the course of time, no doubt, through public donations of paintings, there will be a permanent nucleus available. The only money that is required is that necessary for maintenance, for the appointment of a curator and occasional assistance and small incidental expenses. Is it worth while for the city to have an art gallery? We think it is, but public interest will have to be quickened if those citizens who have given their time and efforts to the undertaking may be expected to continue to shoulder the burden without popular support.

RECORDS OF HOMICIDE

Dr. Hoffman, consulting statistician of the Prudential Insurance Company, has again come forward with statistics which draw attention to the crime wave that has been gathering strength in the United States. He says the annual total of murder now exceeds 11,000. It is far in excess of any other country, although in this comparison Russia is excepted because no official statistics are available from that land. The Japanese murder rate is about one-tenth of that of the United States. The murder wave in the United States has risen steadily under the operation of Prohibition in that country though it is impossible to say if Prohibition has anything to do with it.

Dr. Hoffman points out that in 1922 the homicide death rate of the United States was 8.4 per 100,000 of the population. The rate between 1910 and 1920 increased from 5.9 to 7.9. In England and Wales, the homicide death rate was 0.5 per 100,000 for 1922 and 0.6 per 100,000 for 1921. For every death by homicide in England and Wales there are about 16 such deaths in the United States. In Scotland in 1922 there were only 11 deaths from homicides, or at the rate of 0.2 per 100,000 of the population. In Ontario in 1922 there was a rate of 1.6. It is admitted by Dr. Hoffman that Canada makes a most favorable showing in this respect as compared with the United States, but then the rate in Ontario is three times as murderous as in England and Wales.

Dr. Hoffman admits that no one seems to have any practical suggestions as to how the murder rate in the United States should be abated. Public opinion has not yet been educated to the point where it has ceased to experience waves of hysteria over the fate of criminals. It is admitted that the judiciary needs purification, but what legislators are lacking in is the bringing into effect of laws which will make murder by lethal weapons less easy. The United States suffers

from a murder rate so heavy partly because it is a melting pot of nations. On that very account its laws governing the possession of lethal weapons ought to be far more severe than they are. It would seem, too, to the outsider, that the exercise of the law ought to be above influence from the exhibition of public sympathy for those convicted of capital crimes, and ought to be based solely on the exercise of justice. Until these and other preventive measures are taken the murder record will be maintained and it is not a record that adds to the social or judicial prestige of the United States.

JUSTICE AND PARTY

Further development of the argument that an Attorney-General should not be included in a Cabinet has been furnished by Sir R. W. Hamilton, one of the British Members of Parliament. Such inclusion, he holds, places the Attorney-General in an impossible position, "when he has to keep the collective responsibility of a Cabinet Minister for a policy, and at the same time is expected to advise the Government as a lawyer from the purely legal point of view as though he bore no such responsibility." The danger, as Sir Hamilton says, is an obvious one for it means that either the Government may not obtain the most impartial opinion of the law to which it is entitled, or that the individual citizen may suffer through the administration of justice being influenced by policy. It is wholly apparent that a vital necessity exists in keeping the administration of justice free from even the suspicion of political influence. That can never be done while the Attorney-General is a member of a party cabinet. His actions are controlled sometimes for political reasons. He feels himself in the dual position of being responsible at one and the same time to a party cabinet and to the law as it exists on the statute books.

It is an anomalous position as party politics are conducted, for instance, in this Province. It has, as has been instanced here so decisively, opened up the floodgates of suspicion, lent color to the belief that justice does not flow freely from the fountain head, and confused and made indistinguishable the actions of the first law officer as such and as a Minister of the Crown with a seat in a party cabinet. The effects of an administration of an Attorney-General with a seat in the Cabinet are apparent to the people of this Province. The holder of that office should be impartial, judicial, unswayed by any popular emotion, and far removed from all the storms of political controversy. Our Attorney-General does not seek to hide the fact that he is a political partisan first, last and all the time; and that is where the danger lies and wherein the danger has been demonstrated.

SUBMARINES

The viewpoint that the submarine should be abolished as a weapon of warfare appears to find little support in the United States. The recent loss of the British M-1 with over sixty lives has raised the question anew and many people and organizations, among others Lloyds and Lord Lee, a former First Lord of the Admiralty, have come out emphatically for the abolition of the submarine. Britain's attitude on the subject has been apparent for several years. It was brought up at the Washington Conference which decided upon the Naval Limitations Treaty. The formal and specific proposal which appears in the official minutes of that conference is as follows:

The view of the British Government was that what was required was not merely restrictions on submarines, but their total and final abolition, and that Great Britain, as the possessor of the largest and probably the most efficient equipment of submarines in the world, was prepared to scrap the whole of this great fleet, and disband the personnel, provided that the other Powers would do the same.

There was no agreement reached at Washington in this particular and the British Delegation had to be content with inserting in the Conference minutes—"The British Empire Delegation desires formally to place on record its opinion that the use of submarines, whilst of small value for defensive purposes, leads inevitably to acts which are inconsistent with the laws of war and the dictates of humanity, and the Delegation desires that united action should be taken by all nations to forbid their maintenance, construction, or employment." This was Britain's policy four years ago and it remains the same today. In the Great War the chief sufferer from submarines was the mercantile marine. At a time when there is so much talk of the League of Nations and what it is doing for the cause of peace it would seem pertinent that one subject for its discussion should be the abolition of the submarine, which action would, incidentally, give great and enduring relief to taxpayers all over the world.

What is known as the "ginger group" of the Progressives in the House of Commons announces that it could not under any circumstances support the Conservative Party. In the same breath it is stated on its behalf that it has drawn up terms and is about to bargain with the Liberals for their acceptance. Wherein lies the bargaining power if the "ginger group" is pledged to vote for the Liberals in any, even?

Note and Comment

By R. B. D.

A Constant Reader wants to know whether we have been quaffing too freely of the cup containing beer brewed according to specifications prepared by the British Columbia Government, drinking too much of the stuff for which Scotland is famous or infamous, or whether we are conducting a column of cross word puzzles. Two specimens of our finished or mutilated work are submitted as a basis for Constant Reader's inquiry.

We have found out by experience that for the sake of our peace of mind it is just as well after we have written anything, delivered it into the hands of the printers, and read the proof thereof, to forget all about that written something. To read that written something as it appears in the paper often produces disquietude of spirit and anguish of mind. But we have read the specimens submitted by Constant Reader, and our conviction is that we are not conducting a column of cross word puzzles but a column of crossed line conundrums. The ways of the corrector who follows the path of the printer and the proofreader are devious and past finding out. In one case we find that a paragraph ends in a jumble of incoherence something like this: "Pqratxwyz & for the love of mikes what is all this about?" In another case a transposition of lines leads the reader into a maze as confusing as the labyrinths of the catacombs of Rome are reputed to be.

As we look up to the foreman with awe based upon the consequences of long experience, as every printer in The Colonist is our very good friend, as we have the deepest reverence for the amazing erudition of the proof-reader, we cannot blame anybody in particular for our occasional lapse from coherency of printed thought into the depths of spluttering idiosyncrasy. Therefore we must make the devil the scapegoat. The fellow of the cloven hoof and spiked tail has found some "mischievous staff for idle hands to do" ever since the beginning of recorded time. He is responsible for his ill-doings to no designated authority. He is under sentence of banishment, but he does not mind that, he rather enjoys it. He is prince of the gloomy realm set apart for the entertainment of lost souls. He is responsible for the fall of man, and he glories in that feat. Man has attempted to justify all his misdeeds, his misdeeds and his crimes ever since the fall by asserting that the devil has gained temporary ascendancy over him. Therefore the works which have gripped the heart of Constant Reader and annoyed us are the acts of the devil. We have found out by experience that it is utterly useless to attempt to exorcise the malignant spirit that occasionally takes possession of the printing department.

Our laws are becoming almost as numerous as the sands upon the seashore and some of these laws are fearfully and wonderfully made, and still more fearfully and wonderfully interpreted. For example, we are told on ministerial authority that a man may not take a drink of water out of a running stream within the Province except at the risk of incurring certain legal pains and penalties. Then on even more impressive than the authority of a Minister that the beer the people are officially authorized to drink is not fit to drink.

As another example of the complexity of modern conditions, consider the case of the ballot, the ballot absent and the ballot on the spot. When the principle of responsible government by the duly and legally elected representatives of the people was first brought into force the voter simply went to the polling place and verbally designated the candidate he favored. That system was too simple to last. There were corrupt politicians in the old days, and votes were openly bought and sold.

To put an end to corruption and coercion and other abuses the ballot and the ballot box were adopted. But the adoption of a more complex system of voting did not change human nature in general nor the peculiar human nature of politicians. Political corruption is not openly practised under the system of the secret ballot and the inviolable sanctity of the ballot box, but in secret it is more prevalent and more pernicious in its effects than ever before. Lists of voters are prepared and scrutinized by appointed officials. The names of none but properly qualified electors are supposed to be enrolled upon those lists. Occasionally those sacred lists are systematically stuffed with fictitious names.

Ballots of all kinds, simply printed ballots and elaborately printed ballots, have been devised to prevent the voter from marking his ballot on the wrong way and to prevent the ballot switcher and manipulator from stuffing the ballot box with bogus ballots. Our legislators have been gravely discussing the merits of certain kinds of lead pencils or pens as implements for marking ballots. One would think that any kind of a mark made upon the ballot by any kind of an implement in such a way as to unmistakably indicate the choice of the voter would be a simple way of settling a matter that is of no particular consequence to any mind except the profound mind of a lawmaker. Our system of voting has become cumbrous, complex and costly. It

should be discarded and some simpler method of ascertaining the will of the people adopted.

Notable Anniversaries

Of grand old Isaac Walton the writer of a biographical sketch remarks: "Walton hooked a much bigger fish than he angled for when he offered his quaint treatise, The Compleat Angler, to the public. There is hardly a name in English literature, even of the first rank, whose immortality is more secure, or whose personality is the subject of a more devoted cult. Not only is he the 'sacred vates' on a considerable scale in the religion of recreation, but multitudes who have never put a worm on a hook—even on a fly hook—have been caught and securely held by his picture of the delights of the gentle craft and his easy leisurely transcript of his own simple, peevish, lovable and amusing character." Walton's other literary efforts were in the biographical field, but they did much less than his book on angling to win him the favor of the reading public. The most prominent were his lives of three angling friends, with whom he lived in close intimacy—John Donne, Sir Henry Wotton and George Herbert; the others were biographies of notable churchmen. Walton's long and peaceful life came to a close in his eighty-third year at Winchester on December 15, 1683. He was born at Stafford on August 9, 1593.

3-Minute Journeys

By TEMPLE MANNING

When the Police Force Uses Fans We would undoubtedly, as a bit shocked to see the traffic policeman at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Forty-Second Street, in New York, pull out a fan and begin to ply it as he signaled the traffic to go or stop. But that is by no means an infrequent sight in Peking on a Summer day.

A fluttering of fans is the universal symptom of a hot day in China. The fan serves any number of purposes. It is used, of course, to keep the air moving and create a cool breeze. Then it is used to ward off flies and dust, and as a screen against the too brilliant rays of the sun. Even the coolies going about their work, or carrying heavy burdens upon their backs, ply the fan busily with one hand as they go. Soldiers, in the midst of drill, draw fans from their bosoms and pause to use them.

That is why the Chinese have fans of such exquisite and delightful beauty. They have developed the business of manufacturing fans to an art. They have definite types of fans for definite purposes and stations of life. The true Chinese would never use a fan with a frame of black lacquer because black is significant of inauspiciousness. And there are a few things more charming to look upon than a dainty Chinese lady in her colorful costume, wielding her beautiful fan with easy grace.

Elections Act Believed To Be "Roguesproof"

Minor amendments made to the bill to amend the Provincial Elections Act were passed by the Legislature yesterday when the bill was considered in committee. The changes were confined to alterations affecting fraud and corruption money and counted very little discussion. The bill, proposed by Premier Oliver, is the result of collaboration between the Premier and Mr. J. Hinchliffe, second member for Victoria, and seeks to make the casting and counting of absentee votes "roguesproof."

The Weather

Metropolitan Office, Victoria, B.C., at 4 p.m., December 15, 1922.
TEMPERATURE
Min. Max.
Victoria 34 42
Vancouver 34 42
Kamloops 32 40
Hanksville 32 40
Kaslo 32 40
Nelson 32 40
Poultice 32 40
Duncan 32 40
Fanny 32 40
Nanaimo 32 40
Port Moody 32 40
Richmond 32 40
Surrey 32 40
West Vancouver 32 40
Whistler 32 40
Ylang 32 40
General state of the weather, rain.

Monday
Maximum 42, minimum 34, wind S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h., clear.
General state of the weather, rain.
Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong east and south winds, mild rain.
Vancouver and vicinity—Rainy, winds fresh to strong on the Gulf, mild with rain.
4 P.M. Weather Report
Victoria—Barometer, 30.37; wind, E. 3 miles; rain.
Vancouver—Barometer, 30.32; wind, E. 4 miles; rain.
Kamloops—Barometer, 30.47; wind, E. 4 miles; rain.
Hanksville—Barometer, 30.44; calm, cloudy.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 30.31; wind, S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h., clear.
Kaslo—Barometer, 30.32; wind, S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h., clear.
Nelson—Barometer, 30.32; wind, S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h., clear.
Poultice—Barometer, 30.32; wind, S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h., clear.
Duncan—Barometer, 30.32; wind, S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h., clear.
Fanny—Barometer, 30.32; wind, S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h., clear.
Nanaimo—Barometer, 30.32; wind, S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h., clear.
Port Moody—Barometer, 30.32; wind, S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h., clear.
Richmond—Barometer, 30.32; wind, S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h., clear.
Surrey—Barometer, 30.32; wind, S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h., clear.
West Vancouver—Barometer, 30.32; wind, S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h., clear.
Whistler—Barometer, 30.32; wind, S.W. 10 to 15 m.p.h., clear.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Daily British Columbia of December 15, 1872)

A Census—Canadian people are continually waiting that the white population of British Columbia is only 18,000. We have every confidence that it is nearer 100,000. It is, however, a fact that the proper officers have not as yet ascertained the number of the population. In this respect, the census is a very important matter. The number of children over four years and under twenty years is 119, under four years 271. Number of buildings erected since January 1, 1871, 115. The population, exclusive of Chinese and Indians, is estimated at 1,460.

A Charge—After the almost incessant rain which has fallen of late, the general opinion of the people was highly appreciable, and many had already ascribed the cause of the charge.

The bridge along the White Horse on Hinchliffe Street, over the stream that falls into James Bay, requires repair, one of the planks being broken out of the middle of it.

Old Sadler's Wells

The London Daily Sketch of November 13th prints an illustration of the well lately rediscovered when clearing up the debris of the above old amusement house in London.

The monks of the priory of St. John of Jerusalem dispensed the water of these wells as having a medicinal value as far back as the time of Henry I. Henry VIII dissolved the institution in 1535, when so many monasteries were closed by the Reformation. The well, to which superstitious cures were ascribed, was covered over, and, for nearly a century and a half, it was forgotten.

In the days of Charles II, when so many houses were opened for the entertainment of the pleasure-loving populace of the day, a man named Sadler erected one where the theatre afterwards stood, on the north side of the New River Head. Sadler employed two men to dig gravel in the land attached to the theatre house, and early in 1633 they uncovered a broad, flat stone, which was discovered to be supported by four oaken posts, under the stone was a large well, arched over, and curiously sculptured, the well being encircled by stone. Sadler had the water tested by a physician, who confirmed his surmise that the water had medicinal properties. He sold the fluid in bottles for a time, until a doctor named Morton, by advising his patients to drink the water as a restorative, the well, now called Sadler's Well, was visited by a great number of people, and by the year 1644 between five and six hundred attended every morning to drink the prescribed potion.

How long Sadler retained the property is not known, but from a letter of James Fraser, physician to Charles II written to Sir Robert Southwell in 1687 the popularity of Sadler's establishment had departed in favor of Tunbridge and Bath.

An Inhuman Being Evidently the well was again covered, as in 1597 an advertisement states that the reopening, after having been obstructed for some years, would take place on June 21 of that year. Two years later a man named Miles was the proprietor of the music house, and presumably of the wells also. On May 23, 1699, an "entertainment" was announced, when an "incurable monster," for the sake of a wager of five guineas, after dining heartily on a buttock of beef, ate a live cock, feathers and all, using oil and vinegar as sauce and a half pint of brandy as a means of washing it down; he offered to bet another five guineas that he could repeat the performance in two hours' time. A few months after the above he repeated the performance at a place rejoicing in the name of "Stand-Up Pick's" at Newington Butts, charging the sum of two guineas admission. This inhuman being is reported, by the paper of January 1709, published by James Fraser, to have eaten at a music house in St. Katherine's by the Tower; what kind of a cat it was does not seem to have been recorded, but it would be interesting to know, as any cat of the present day would be a dangerous meal for a dog, much more so for a man.

This salubrious house of entertainment was in the forefront of public notice, and New Ward, in his periodical paper called The Weekly Comedy, which he started in May, 1706, mentions the resort as well as the patrons, and there is nothing to be proud of for any person concerned. By June, 1711, another periodical paper called The Inquirer mentions Sadler's Well as a "nursery of debauchery." Other papers also speak of the disorderly persons that frequented it, and after a more or less profitable time the scenery and furniture of the place were sold to satisfy the creditors as directed by the will of the owner, who died April, 1712.

The wells being all that remained to derive any revenue from, and the public taste having changed, they appear to have been again covered in 1712 and again rediscovered about 1790 or 1800 in the space between the stage door and the New River.

The theatre building was pulled down in October, 1744, and a new one erected at an expense of £4,255. One of the wells was covered by the stage of the new place, and this is probably the one shown in The Sketch as having been again discovered.

The water of the original well was very highly impregnated with iron, which was the cause of its medicinal properties.

British Food Council To Probe Wheat Price

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Government food council, which was appointed a few months ago on the recommendation of the Royal Commission that inquired into food prices in Britain, to keep watch over retail prices, will open an inquiry tomorrow in the matter of the recent high prices of wheat and bread.

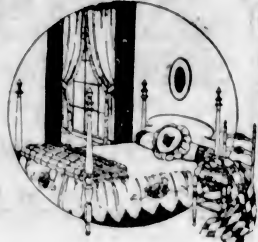
One of the principal trade journals here ascribed the main cause of the advance in the price of wheat to the failure of Russia to furnish the expected wheat supplies. The curtailment of Russian exports probably is seriously embarrassing firms who have had to cover themselves by purchasing Canadian grain at higher prices, the council says.

The Daily Mail persistently accuses the Soviet Government of misleading the world concerning Russia's wheat production.

Lad Burned to Death

DRUMHELLER, Alta., Dec. 14.—Albert Burns, twelve-year-old boy, was burned to death early Sunday in the village of Newcastle. An older brother was sleeping in the bed with him and a third man was in the same room. They both saved themselves by jumping out of the window.

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Toronto's Civic Expenditures

TORONTO, Dec. 14.—According to a bulletin just issued by the Citizens' Research Institute, Toronto's expenditures per capita during 1924 on municipal government were \$55.14, as compared with Hamilton, \$47.39; Ottawa, \$41.32; London, \$46.99; Windsor, \$52.20; Montreal, \$18.31; Halifax, \$42.83; Calgary, \$55.03; Winnipeg, \$32.62; Vancouver, \$51.42; Edmonton, \$52.34. The net Toronto expenditure from local revenue was \$54.31, as against \$53.63 in 1923.

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Mr. Manson's Statements False, He Says

Mr. C. F. Davie, Cowichan-Newcastle, Declares Public Is Misled in Regard to the Beer Situation in Province

Member Presses For Investigation Government, He Avers, Is Controlling Hands of Mr. Davidson, Liquor Board Commissioner

That false statements had been made by the Attorney-General, which had resulted in the public being misled, was a charge brought against the Attorney-General in the Legislature yesterday afternoon by Mr. C. F. Davie, Conservative member for Cowichan-Newcastle, when he spoke in support of his resolution calling for an investigation by a select standing committee into the whole question of the manufacture, distribution and sale of beer in British Columbia, and in particular, the "arrangement" that existed between the Government and the brewing organization supplying beer to Government liquor stores and on Government orders.

After a sharp attack on the Attorney-General, based on the replies the Hon. Mr. Manson had given to questions raised by the Order Paper by him, Mr. Davie again advanced his claim for an investigation. This was met by an amendment by the Premier, which provides for the questions raised to be investigated by the Public Accounts Committee. On this proposal, the Premier, without addressing himself to the question, secured the adjournment of the House. The effect of the Premier's proposal, if agreed to by the House, will be that the matter will be shelved in all probability, in view of the prospective early rising of the Legislature.

Incorrect Replies Alleged.

Mr. Davie went over in detail seventeen questions he had addressed to the Attorney-General, and the answers given him on the Business Paper. He held, in general, that the questions were not answered; rather were they evaded, he said, in order that the Government might protect the monopoly they had created in the purchase of beer.

For instance, the reply to his question as to whether the Government had arranged with the Amalgamated Brewers' Agency, the reply of the Attorney-General was: "The Amalgamated Brewers distribute beer pursuant to instructions of the Liquor Board."

He said he had three declarations, having the force of oaths, to the effect that the answers were not correct. "Is there an agreement, or is there not; why does not the Attorney-General answer the question straight out?" asked Mr. Davie, as he proceeded to deal with the price of beer, now and formerly. The present price of beer, according to the Attorney-General's answers, was \$16.50 per ten dozen pints, including a tax of five per cent, delivered at Victoria, Vancouver and other centres, fixed on February 23, 1924, and brought into effect next day.

"How is that statement, which says the price was not to be retroactive, reconciled by the Attorney-General with one that appeared in The Victoria Times and the Vancouver Province on or about May 14, 1924, as follows: 'The Provincial Government has decided to increase the price paid to the breweries for beer to the extent of \$1.50 a barrel. It was announced last night. This increase is retroactive to March 1.' It is further stated that the Vancouver Province the price had been reached by an agreement between the Government and the brewers."

Lower Offers Put In.

"The members of this Legislature are being misled," Mr. Davie said. "They are entitled to have an investigation."

Mr. Davie went on to say that he was aware that there had been offers from breweries in the Province to supply beer to the Government. He had asked whether there had been any offer to supply beer at a price less than the current price. The answer to the question was that an offer had been received from Mr. J. A. Kennedy, on September 30, as the authorized sales agent for the Nanaimo Breweries, Ltd., who quoted \$16 per barrel of ten dozen pints, and from Messrs. Hall and O'Halloran, applicants to the Nanaimo Breweries, Ltd., dated November 4, quoting \$15.50. The Attorney-General had added in his answer that in neither case was there a tax or delivery charges included.

"The Attorney-General has been careful," said Mr. Davie, "to reply only in regard to the Nanaimo Breweries, Ltd., but I am credibly informed that offers have been received from other breweries."

"Which ones?" asked the Attorney-General.

B.C. Could Save \$100,000

"The Attorney-General makes some point about the Nanaimo Breweries being unable to deliver," continued Mr. Davie, who had not heard the question, apparently. "This brewery has been in business for thirty-five years. The reason they are not in a position to supply is that the Government refuses to purchase beer from them. Are we going to subscribe to this monopoly in favor of Mr. Henry Reifel, of Vancouver, because it is contrary to the agreement which Mr. Henry Reifel has made with the Government, notwithstanding that, if they accepted the offer of the Nanaimo Breweries, Ltd., they could be saved to the Province about \$100,000?"

"The Government undoubtedly is controlling the hands of the Liquor Commissioner, and the assurance that the Attorney-General gave us last year that he was to have a free hand, if he had a free hand, he would be in a position to make this big saving to the people. He is not able to do it because of Reifel and his corps."

I submit that the public are opposed to the principle of monopoly, and I have submitted certain statements that are calculated to prove that these monopolies are being continued against the best interests of the people. I have here a comparison of the costs of manufacture of beer, but I do not propose to take up more time of the House, because it is a

City Proposes to Keep Possession Of Elk Lake Land

THE City Council last night went on record as being opposed to the sale of Elk Lake lands, apart from the 140-acre golf course tract, for the purchase of which Mr. J. S. Connelly, of Vancouver, is negotiating. The Council will send a recommendation to this effect to next year's aldermanic board.

matter for consideration of the select committee I propose. If I did, I would be able to prove that the costs of the land would not warrant the price the Government is paying.

Questions Evaded, He Says.

"It is quite apparent, as far as I am concerned, and with the material I have at my disposal—and I say it advisedly—that the Government, at the direction of the Attorney-General, has evaded replies to the questions I have submitted, and has permitted false and improper replies to be made. When a member of the House is put into the position of having false information given him, then I say this House, regardless of partisanship, should grant a select committee, to investigate."

Mr. Davie, in concluding, suggested that as the member for Skeena, Dr. Winch, Liberal, was unable to see his way to sit on the select committee, the name of the member for Burnaby, Major Burde, Independent, should be substituted.

The Premier said he proposed to move an amendment to substitute the Public Accounts Committee for the select committee proposed.

Obituary

BOSSI—The funeral of the late Angelica P. Bossi, who passed away on Saturday morning at the Royal Jubilee Hospital, will take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from McCall Bros' Funeral Home, corner of Johnson and Vancouver Streets. The Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick will conduct the service, after which the body will be laid to rest in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

RICHARDS—Funeral service for the late Mr. Frank Richards will be held at the residence, 1000 Craigdarroch Road, this afternoon at 2:30. The body will be laid to rest in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

LYNE—The body of the late Mrs. Margaret Ellen Lyne is resting at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel, where service will be arranged for Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. F. C. Chapman will officiate and interment will be made at Ross Bay Cemetery.

ESLER—The funeral of the late Mr. James Esler took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel, where service was conducted by the Rev. A. E. de L. Nunns. There was a large attendance from the fire department, in charge of Deputy-Chief Munroe, also members of the police department were present, and many beautiful floral designs covered the casket and hearse. The hymns sung were "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and "Lead, Kindly Light." The funeral service was acted as pallbearers: Messrs. E. Stuart, D. Adams, H. M. Turner, N. McQueen, J. Wallace and R. Chisholm. Interment was made at Ross Bay Cemetery.

MADDEN—The funeral of the late Mrs. Jane Madden, who passed away on Monday morning, took place yesterday morning. Relatives and many friends were in attendance, the cortege leaving the Sands Funeral Chapel at 8:30 o'clock. The minister in charge was Rev. Father Deely, and the services were conducted at the cemetery by Rev. Father Deely. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. Quinn, J. McGinnis, E. McDonald and J. A. McKinnon.

LOY—The funeral of the late Mrs. Wong Loy, who passed away at the Royal Jubilee Hospital on December 8, took place Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Interment was made at the Chinese cemetery.

DEAR—The death occurred on December 12 at the Royal Jubilee Hospital of Claud Dear, aged thirty-eight years. He was born in Nottingham, England, and had been a resident of this city for the past thirteen years. The late Mr. Dear is survived by his widow, two sons, residing at 1463 Finlayson Street, also relatives in England. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel, under the auspices of the Ancient Order of Foresters.

KEMBLEY—There passed away Sunday evening at the family residence, 1747 First Street, Charles Clyde Kempley, aged thirty-one years, a native of England and a resident of this city for the last two and a half years. Deceased, who formerly lived at Lethbridge, Alberta, is survived by a widow and infant son, also his parents and a brother and sister in Lethbridge. The body is resting at the Thomson Funeral Home, 1425 Quadra Street, from where the funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, M.A., of St. John's Church, will conduct the service, after which the body will be laid to rest in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

ARMSTRONG—There passed away Saturday evening at the Work Point Barracks, Andrew Armstrong, aged thirty-two years, a native of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, and a resident of this city for many years. He leaves a widow and three children. The body is resting at the Thomson Funeral Home, 1425 Quadra Street, from where the funeral will take place on Wednesday morning, when the casket will be taken to St. Paul's Garrison Church, where service will be conducted by the chaplain, the Rev. F. C. Chapman, at 10:30 o'clock, after which the body will be laid to rest in the Naval cemetery, Esquimalt.

Seattle Council Refuses To Impeach Mayor

SEATTLE, Dec. 14.—The Seattle city council today voted six to three against impeaching Dr. Edwin J. Brown, mayor, as recommended December 3 by a grand jury, which alleged that vice flourishes in Seattle.

Severe Storm Delays Ships In Arrivals

Three Vessels En Route
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Barometer at 29 Inches

Radio reports from shipping received at Ogilvie Wireless Station yesterday, reports a very severe storm, centred about 1,000 miles off this coast, and moving eastward toward the northern end of Vancouver Island and the Mainland. Prince Rupert already reports a southeast gale blowing at fifty-two miles an hour, with a barometer reading of 29.74.

Eaten reported only a fourteen-mile southeast wind, with a barometer reading of 30.18. The radio reports from ships received at Eaten and relayed into Gonzales, however, state that the storm 1,000 miles off the coast is very severe, and that the barometer is down to twenty-nine inches, which is quite low.

As a result of this storm several inbound liners will be late in arriving here. The Africa Maru, which is running before the gale in heavy seas, and which was due to arrive yesterday morning, is due to dock here this morning, while the Empress of Australia, which was scheduled to arrive some time tomorrow, is expected to reach William Head Quarantine Station until 6 o'clock Thursday morning. The Blue Funnel liner Tyn-dareus has also been delayed by the storm and will not arrive at the Head until late Wednesday night, according to latest wireless advices from the ship.

Forest Act Has Second Reading

Opposition Leader Expresses
Himself Dissatisfied With
Terms of Bill

Second reading was given Hon. T. D. Pattullo's bill to amend the Forest Act in order to provide for forest protection and reforestation measures for provincial forest reserve, during the sitting of the Legislature yesterday. The bill seeks to obtain the necessary funds by diverting three per cent of the revenue obtained from timber royalties and stumpage dues to the purpose.

Mr. R. H. Pooley, Opposition leader, who adjourned the debate in second reading last week, said that he was not satisfied with the terms of the bill. The revenue which the minister proposed to divert would total about \$60,000 per year, and he thought conditions were not such that so large an amount should be spent on the reserves, particularly in connection with reforestation.

B.C. Timber Goes To Many Countries

Water-Borne Shipments During
Nine Months of 1923 were
Over 400,000,000 Feet

Lumber shipments from British Columbia during the first nine months of the current year show a very substantial increase over shipments during the corresponding period last year, according to a statement presented yesterday by Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands and Minister in charge of the forests branch.

Water-borne shipments during the first nine months of 1923 were 375,000,000 board feet, while for nine months this year shipments have reached a total of 402,000,000 board feet. The United States constituted the largest market, but shipments were also made to Australia, Africa, South America, Egypt, China, India, New Zealand, Japan, South Sea Islands, the United Kingdom and the Hawaiian Islands.

Boy Scouts Elect Officers for Year

Annual Meeting of Provincial
Council Held at Empress—
Lieut.-Governor Patron

At the annual meeting of the British Columbia Provincial Council of the Boy Scouts' Association held at the Empress Hotel on Saturday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Provincial patron, His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Walter C. Nichol; Provincial president, Julius H. Griffith; Provincial commissioner, R. Ross Sutherland, assistant provincial commissioner, G. H. Searrett; vice-president, A. R. Sher-

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Refuge Home Tag Day Is Very Gratifying Success

The committee of the W.C.T.U. Refuge Home was highly gratified with the amount of the collection at Saturday's Tag Day, the sum of \$641 being given.

Speaking on behalf of herself, Mrs. John Hall, convener, extends her heartfelt thanks to all her helpers at headquarters as well as to the con-

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Society and Women's Affairs

Dramatization at Empress Hotel

Three delightful plays were read yesterday afternoon at the dramatization at the Empress Hotel, the first in an Indian play translated from the Sanskrit and cleverly dramatized by Mrs. Hayward. Its title was "The Mine of Fortune" and those who took part were Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. Hamilton Turner, Major Edwards, Captain Thorpe-Douglas, R. N., and Major Bullock-Walker. Madame Hale read the explanation. The second was a charming and clever little play, "A Specimen," in which Mrs. Guy Goddard and Major Bullock-Walker read the parts. Both amusing and delightful, this short play was enthusiastically applauded. "A Specimen," another one-act play by H. F. Rubenstein, was a "A Specimen" was an amusing sketch, with the following characters: Miss Dilya Bennett, Captain Hugh Allen and Captain Aldith White. For this play Mrs. Goddard read the explanation. Master Jack Rutland, an exceedingly clever young pupil of the B. C. Dramatic School, gave a short address on "Modern Recitation," which delighted the audience. Master Rutland illustrated his talk with amusing recitations and was warmly applauded. Among those in the audience were Mrs. Charleswood, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Mason, Miss Hayward, Mrs. Carey, Miss Carey, Mrs. Acland, Mrs. H. G. Lawson, Mrs. Cuthbert Holmes, Mrs. Twigg, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Hebbel Gillespie, Mrs. A. J. Bennett, Mrs. Fleet Robertson, Mrs. Allott, Mrs. Holders, Miss Goff, Mrs. Tanqueray, Miss Agnew, Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Heisterman, Miss Heisterman.

Mrs. Hargrave, Mrs. D. R. Kar, Mrs. Mouat, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Germaine, Mrs. David, Dolg, Miss Robertson, Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Shalhouse, Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Aldous, Miss Hall, Mrs. Rutland, Mrs. Langley, Miss Martin, Miss Chan, Madame Henderson-Monaghan, Mrs. Alexis Martin and others.

Informal Party
Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Watson entertained on Friday evening at their home, Gordon Head, when their guests were the members of the First United Church, Choir and their friends. After a short practice, the evening was spent in games, while an impromptu musical programme was given by Mr. Jackson Hanby, Mr. R. Hardy, Mr. Jack Smith and Miss Beattie Crowther. Mrs. Crowther gave several humorous recitations. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, assisted by Mrs. McInnes and several members of the choir. The evening closed with the singing of "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" and "Auld Lang Syne."

Postnuptial Reception
Mrs. Jack Marshall (nee Vera Cockett), held her postnuptial reception on Saturday afternoon in her apartment at the Alisa Mansions. She wore her wedding dress of white georgette and Chantilly lace with a corsage bouquet of Ophelia roses, and was assisted in receiving her guests by her mother and mother-in-law, Mrs. W. O. Cockett and Mrs. Thornton Marshall. Presiding at the prettily appointed table, which was centred with pale pink chrysanthemums in silver vases, were Miss Laura Macklin and Miss Joyce Burrell, assisted by Miss Doris Macklin.

Seton College
The pupils of Seton College will present, by kind permission of the author, Mr. Laurence Housman's nativity play, "Bethlehem," at St. Barnabas Hall on Thursday at 8 p.m. in aid of the "Solarium." Dr. Wachs in aid of the "Solarium." Dr. Wachs is expected to preside at the entertainment and speak on the "Solarium for Crippled Children."

Card Party
The C.P.R. Bowling Club is holding a card party at the Empress Hotel on Tuesday, December 22. The prizes will be turkeys. Mr. Belanger, chairman of the committee, is to call in all uncollected tickets on Friday in order to make arrangements with the hotel management as to the number of tables required.

En Route to Hawaii
Capt. and Mrs. Woods, of the Isle of Hawaii, are spending a few days in Victoria.

CHRISTMAS IN OLD COUNTRY

Travel to the Old Country is again made convenient for passengers this year through the special Yuletide "train-to-ship" service afforded by the Canadian Pacific Railway. Tourist sleeping cars will be carried through to ship at Saint John, N.B., leaving Vancouver as follows:
November 29 for sailing of "Montrose" to Liverpool, December 5.
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A sensational notice appearing in the society columns of The London Morning Post has set English society agog. It is stated that Prince of Wales, the husband of the eldest daughter of Mr. Gordon Hafford (London's U.K. merchant prince) was not a Russian Prince as his title implied. Replying to the notice the Prince issued a statement in which he alleged he was the victim of Russian political foes, who are unscrupulous, to which party he does not belong. Mr. Hafford and Princess are shown above.

In Victoria as the guests of Dr. Irene Bastow Hudson, Harbinger Avenue. They are en route home from a holiday in the Old Country and the Okanagan.

At the Beverley Building
Among the guests at the Beverley Building, Yates Street, are Mr. and Mrs. Jensen, Port Angeles; Mr. Ernest Moore, Calgary; Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas, Regina, Sask.; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Du Bois, New York; Mr. and Mrs. H. Apach, Ketchikan, Alaska.

Marriage in California
The marriage took place in Los Angeles, December 6, of Miss Minnie Ethel Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bell, Howe Street, and Mr. Ambrose Topp Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Topp Turner, of Seaford Street, Victoria.

In New York
Mr. E. G. Ross, of this city, registered at the Pictorial Taggart Bureau, Wanamaker's, New York. The exhibit shows 300 years of New York's history in murals of historic scenes and city planning.

In Jubilee Hospital
Friends of the V. T. La Londe, Normande Apartments, will be sorry to hear that she is a patient in the Jubilee Hospital, having undergone a serious operation on Saturday.

In London
Among the British Columbians recently in London are Mrs. J. R. Bell, Clute, New Westminster; Mr. Sidney B. W. D'Este, Comox; Mr. Spencer H. Tuck, Pouce Coupe.

In Hospital
The many friends of Mrs. Fred Jacques, Finlayson Avenue, will be pleased to hear that she is progressing favorably after her operation last week at St. Joseph's Hospital.

At the Empress
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Banks, of Vancouver, arrived at the Empress Hotel on Sunday and are spending a few days here.

Here From Vancouver
Miss Kathleen Ellis, supervisor of nurses at the Vancouver General Hospital, is spending a holiday at Victoria, the guest of Mrs. Bridgman, Esquimalt.

Arrived in Victoria
Senator and Mrs. Bostock have arrived at the Empress Hotel from Monte Creek.

From Duncan
Mr. and Mrs. Hogan, of Duncan, spent yesterday in the city, returning home last evening.

From Cowichan
Mrs. Kennington and Miss Sylvia Kennington, of Cowichan Station, were visitors in Victoria yesterday.

At Empress
Mrs. Castell Hopkins, of Toronto, is registered at the Empress Hotel.

Water Petition Is Being Circulated
A petition was in circulation in the city yesterday in an eleven hour effort to require endorsement by the ratepayers to the Esquimalt Waterworks expropriation. It is intended to present the petition to the Legislature before final reading is given to the city's private bill.

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Women's Clubs and Societies

Successful Bazaar
A successful bazaar was held by the Altar Society of St. Andrew's Cathedral, on Saturday afternoon, in Sylvester's Building, Yates Street. Nearly \$1,000 was realized, which amount will be used toward liquidating the Cathedral's debt. Those in charge of the booths were: Fanny work, Mrs. W. W. Baines; sewing, Mrs. Dickson; miscellaneous, Mrs. Bridges; candy, Children of Mary; fish pond, Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Devereaux; tea room, Mrs. O'Brien and Miss Madigan, and twenty-five gent table, Mrs. George Bailey, Mrs. S. Shanks and Mrs. M. Doyle, conveners of the bazaar, wish to thank their many friends for the help in making the bazaar such a great success. The prizes were as follows: Five dollar gold piece, Mr. Galvin, 383 Front Street; half ton of coal, Mrs. C. A. Webb; turkey, Mrs. McManus; box of apples, Father Deely; dressed doll, Mrs. Sanger; ham, Mrs. Devereaux; oil painting, Mrs. Nyland; engraving, Mr. Hurst; china tea set, Mrs. O'Leary; basket of candy, Mrs. F. Hurst; box of candy, Mrs. Allen; picture, Mrs. Goff; vase, Mrs. O'Connell; baby doll, Miss D. Allen; cut glass dish, Mrs. W. A. Knight; cushion, Mrs. Raymond; cake, Miss G. Hartnell; plant, Mrs. W. Regan; neck lace, Mrs. E. Leonard; cream and sugar, Mrs. Watkins.

Jubilee Hospital Alumnae
The regular quarterly meeting of the Jubilee Hospital Alumnae was held last evening at the Nurses' Home, the president, Mrs. L. S. V. York, in the chair. There were sixteen members present. The sum of \$50 was voted toward the annual dinner, which was such a success last year, will take place in March of next year. The take the form of a social affair at the home of Mrs. George Duncan, Durban Avenue, on January 11. Before the meeting, adjourned a two minutes' silence was observed in sympathy for the relatives of the late Dr. Fraser, Dr. Raynor, Mrs. Frampton and Mr. Forrest.

Municipal Chapter, I.O.E.
The general monthly meeting of the Municipal Chapter, I.O.E., will be held on Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock at Hamley Building. When it is hoped that each Chapter will be well represented and a generous response received for the Christmas hampers for soldiers and their dependants. The rooms will be open throughout the day for donations.

Silver Tea
A silver tea will be given for the Grace English Lutheran Church on Wednesday afternoon by Miss Margaret Handerson, at her home at 1124 Woodstock Avenue. A musical programme will be rendered during the afternoon.

Women's Institutes
Gordon Head
The regular fortnightly card party held under the auspices of the Gordon Head Women's Institute will be held in the hall this evening, at 8 o'clock. Good prizes will be given and refreshments will be served.

The following were the winners at the last party: First, Mrs. G. F. Watson, Mr. E. B. Miller; second, Miss S. McCormick, Mr. E. B. Miller; consolation, Miss Dunnet, Mrs. Tucker; ten bid, Miss M. Watson, Mr. W. E. Quayle.

St. Columba's Holds Its First Annual Meeting
The first annual meeting of Columba's, Strawberry Vale, took place December 7, at the home of Mrs. Alcock. The Rev. and Mrs. Nixon were present and seventeen members. The choir took the chair. After the various reports had been read and adopted it was found things were very satisfactory, especially the good fellowship feeling among the members. The sum of \$235.19 had been raised during the year by the branch.

The following officers were elected for 1926: Honorary president, Mrs. Frampton; president, Mrs. Stapleton; vice, Mrs. Nixon; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Doreen; Dorcas, Mrs. Charlton; living message secretary, Mrs. Townsend; literary, Miss Walker; thank offering, Mrs. Alcock; prayer partner, Mrs. Doreen; junior superintendent, Mrs. Yeale; delegates, Miss Walker and Mrs. Macdonald.

Local Council to Discuss Big Theme

Recommendations Passed by International at Washington Will Be Debated

A digest of the resolutions passed by the International Council of Women at the quinquennial meeting at Washington last Summer furnished interesting food for thought at the regular meeting of the Local Council of Women held yesterday afternoon at the Union Bank Building. This communication will come before the next regular meeting in January, with a view to preparing the way for discussion at the annual meeting in February, when it is the intention to have one or two special speakers who will throw further light on some of the points.

Among the points dealt with by the resolution passed by the International were women's police, the institution of which, on the same basis as men's police, was advocated for all countries; the formation of women's political parties; consideration of the legal position of alien children; examination into the death rate of illegitimate children; the opium and drug traffic, and many other matters. The International's attitude on the opium question was that the only effective way to combat the traffic would be to restrict production in the various countries to only what was absolutely needed for medicinal purposes.

Miss Crease volunteered some information concerning the educational work which is being done by the Junior Red Cross through interchange of "locality" information between the school children of the different countries. Correspondence read by the secretary, Mrs. H. H. Smith, also included two communications from National Council conveners. One was from Mrs. Adam Short, convener of the Mental Hygiene Committee of the National Council, concerning the treatment of alien children; and the other was from Dr. Margaret Peterson, convener of the Equal Moral Standard Committee, particularly concerning policewomen, moral hygiene, and education, and the Big Sister movement.

Would Help Police
This action report was considered by the meeting to contain so many valuable suggestions that the chair recommended the sending of copies to the chiefs of police and police women all over the Province. Extended reference having been made to the communication to the work which policemen might undertake controlling any undesirable tendencies at dance halls, one of the council members averred that the motorcar evil

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St. George's Auxiliary Has Successful Bazaar
Notwithstanding the bad weather on Saturday afternoon the sale of work given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Royal Society of St. George was successful. In the evening a short but very enjoyable programme was given, followed by a dance that was greatly enjoyed by those present. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Park, to the ladies of the auxiliary for their hard work, and to the artists who provided a charming programme. Mrs. Leach, president of the auxiliary, responded on behalf of the ladies. The artists were Mr. and Mrs. Heit, Mr. Keiway, Miss Evelyn Vabant and Miss Ruth Hayman.

Weddings
Ball-White
A quiet wedding was celebrated on Sunday evening at "Broadbent," Fort Street, when Major Rev. Dr. Campbell united in marriage Mrs. Harriette White, Yates Street, and Mr. Joseph Ball, 845 Devonshire Road, Esquimalt. The bride and groom were attended by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hall and Mr. W. Dale-Johnson. A reception was held at the home of the bride's daughter, Yates Street. Mr. and Mrs. Ball will make their home at Devonshire Road, Esquimalt.

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Card Party at Saanichton

SAANICHTON, Dec. 14.—The regular fortnightly card party given under the auspices of the Athletic Association was held in the Agricultural Hall on Saturday evening, eleven tables being engaged in play. Table No. 7 won first prize with twenty-seven flags, the players being Mr. Rherring, Mr. Sutton, Mr. T. Burke and Mr. H. Rochon. Table No. 3 won



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Presentation to Bride

ROOKE, Dec. 14.—Mrs. H. McBride and Mrs. W. Dicks were joint hostesses on Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. McBride at a miscellaneous shower held in honor of Miss Esther Wilson, whose marriage will take place December 16. Many beautiful and useful gifts were presented to the bride-elect in a prettily decorated wagon drawn in by little Nan Seymour. Tea was served by the hostesses, who were assisted by the Misses Florence Gray, Nellie Richardson and Beatrice Hawkins. Those present were Mrs. E. Horwood, Mrs. R. Seymour, Mrs. G. Throup, Mrs. W. Wilson, Mrs. H. Wilson, Mrs. H. Strong, Mrs. J. Hawkins, Mrs. S. Lundie, Mrs. Kohout, Misses V. Gray, F. Muir, G. Throup, B. Hawkins and N. Richardson.

Mr. W. Manson Dies

NANAIMO, Dec. 14.—The death has occurred at the family residence, Townsite, of Mr. William Manson, retired farmer, aged ninety-one, a resident of Nanaimo for the last thirty-five years. He leaves one son, Mr. William Manson, ex-M.P.P. for Dewdney, in Vancouver; three daughters, Mrs. Mowatt, Salt Spring Island; Mrs. W. Mercer, Nanaimo; and Mrs. F. Muir, Nanaimo; twelve grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.



EVEN JOY CAN KILL.

"Please prepare Mr. Mayer for this shock. I have come to pay my account!"—Lustige Blätter, Berlin.

Busy Season at Pacific Biological Station Reviewed

Many scientific workers gathered at the Pacific Biological Station, Nanaimo, during the past summer and carried out investigations of a wide and varied character. Progress toward a more complete knowledge of the marine life of the Pacific Coast was made through the studies of Dr. C. H. O'Donoghue, of the University of Manitoba, and Mrs. O'Donoghue on crabs, sea slugs and bryozoa or moss animals; Mrs. C. Berkeley on segmented worms; Mr. J. E. Cornwall on barnacles; Miss A. Berkeley on brittle stars; Rev. Robert Connell on sea weeds; and Mr. G. H. Vailles on microscopic plants and animals.

Dr. E. H. Craigie, of the University of Toronto, gathered data as to the sex ratios among various species of fish. He also made a study of the blood supply to the brain of fish and carried out a preliminary experiment respecting the relation of the sense of smell to the migration movements of sockeye salmon.

Dr. R. E. Foerster continued his investigation of the fresh water phases of the life history of the sockeye salmon at Chittus Lake on the lower portion of the Fraser River.

Mr. G. V. Wilby, of the University of British Columbia, continued his study of the life history of the ling cod and made a preliminary survey of a number of the important ling cod fishing areas.

Miss V. Mather, of the University of British Columbia, carried out researches into the development of the thyroid gland in several marine animals. These glands have a regulatory effect on growth.

In addition, the facilities of the laboratories were given for the collection and preparation of material for research and study to several persons, including Professor F. Lloyd, of McGill University; Professor G. Spencer, of the University of British Columbia; and Miss A. P. MacDougall, of the University of Toronto.

A Christmas gift that will live—your portrait.

Council Again Debates Fire

Discussion on Allowing Apparatus to Respond to Calls From Municipalities

The City Council was again agitated last night in discussion of the question of permitting fire engines to respond to alarms from the surrounding municipalities and again tabled the matter after a spirited debate.

Alderman Woodward strongly advocated that instructions be given to the department to respond to fire calls from the municipalities and that the municipalities be charged according to a fixed scale of prices for each response by the city's apparatus.

If the city's engines refused to attend a fire which later developed into a calamity involving loss of life, the Council would face an unpleasant moral responsibility, he contended.

Alderman Mara, leading the opposition to the proposal, contended that the department should only respond in cases of emergency, when disastrous conflagrations on a large scale were threatening. The viewpoint of fire underwriters and the fire marshal was that the municipalities should be encouraged to better their existing fire-fighting equipment; and that the risk to property in the city would be increased unjustifiably during the absence of civic fire engines on an outside call.

The Council finally decided to table the question pending further reports.

Pioneer Prospector Injured in Fall

Mr. Robert Henderson, pioneer prospector, sustained injuries in a fall on Sunday afternoon. The accident happened while he was carrying on his prospecting tour for gold throughout the southern part of Vancouver Island, in company with Mr. Frank Slavin.

Taking advantage of the absence of any snow on Mount Finlayson, the prospectors engaged in making a detailed examination of that part of the district, leaving the Leech River section for later in the season.

Mr. Henderson was in the rear of Mr. Slavin, descending a steep part of the mountain. Trusting to some brush, which he grasped to carry him along the face of the cliff, he was deceived by the fact that the scrub had little ground hold, with the result that he gave way and fell down the cliff, only to be halted by a tree about thirty feet below, where he was wedged in.

Mr. Slavin reached him and managed to get him to the road, where they were picked up by Miss Gates, who rushed them to the St. Joseph's Hospital. Late tonight, when he was reported to be suffering from shock and to be making no satisfactory progress as could be expected in view of his age. He sustained no internal injuries.

Gulf Islands Hospital

GANGES, Dec. 14.—The Gulf Islands Hospital report for November: Patients admitted, 4; discharges, 2; surgical, 2; obstetric, 1; infant, 1; Discharged, 2—surgical, 1; obstetric, 1. Hospital days, 95. Donations: Mr. E. Walter, vegetables; Mr. James, oranges; Mrs. Sampson, pheasants; Mr. Woods, fish; Mr. Cartwright, pork; anonymous, vegetables.

THE WHY OF CHRISTMAS TREES

In the forests of the North, woodmen are busily engaged in cutting hundreds of beautifully-shaped cedars and balsams which will soon be in every city throughout the Dominion, to be sold as Christmas trees. On Christmas morning they will be dazzling and glowing with light and color, and beauty, and laden with gifts. Little children will gaze in adoration, clap their hands for joy, and laugh and shout as they behold them, while grown-ups looking on will recapture some of the happiness of their own childhood and feel that truly Christmas is the gladdest, merriest time in all the year.

This practice of decorating and hanging gifts on a Christmas tree is well established, and one of the most beautiful and significant customs of the Christmas season. It is just how it all originated is somewhat uncertain. Certainly there is no mention of the Wise Men of old hanging their gifts on a tree. It is, of course, well known that the Christmas tree custom was first introduced into England from Germany, about a hundred years ago, when the English adopted all English-speaking countries. In Germany, the Christmas tree seems to be a very ancient custom, probably a remnant of the fanciful paganism of the Middle Ages, or may have been introduced into Europe by the ancient pagans, as were so many of our Christmas customs.

There is a legend about the Christmas tree which tells how one, Ansgarius, went forth as a missionary to the Vikings of the North. Three messengers were sent along with him—Faith, Hope and Love—to find and light the first Christmas tree. They searched for one that should be as high as Hope, as wide as Love, and should have the sign of the Cross on every bough. The balsam fir seemed best suited to meet these requirements, and so was chosen, and in this day the balsam fir is the favorite Christmas tree.

And, is not this symbolism one of the most beautiful things about a Christmas tree? For a Christmas tree is always connected with Childhood and Home, both of which enshrine these three qualities—Love, Faith and Hope. Indeed, there is no other season of the year when home to itself young and old alike, so strongly and so tenderly, as at Christmas. The Christmas season finds people travelling North, South, East and West, to be home for Christmas.

In anticipation of this heavy Christmas and New Year travel, the management of the Canadian National Railways has made special arrangements by which all holiday travellers may reach "Home," wherever their destination may be, as comfortably, conveniently and rapidly as possible.

Travellers are recommended to secure their tickets and reservations as early as possible to avoid the last minute rush. All information can be had from City Ticket Office, 911 Government Street, Telephone 1243.

(Adv.)

Letters to the Editor

No letter to the editor will be inserted except upon the proper name and address of the writer. This rule admits of no exception.

Victoria Radio Club

Sir,—It has been reported that Aid. Todd was defeated at the polls by an organized effort of the Victoria Radio Club.

We wish to make it clear that the Victoria Radio Club did not take an official action in this campaign. The club understood Mr. Todd's position as chairman of the Finance Committee in his stand with regard to expenditures in clearing up radio interference, and the club endorsed the Council as a whole.

It is unfortunate that many radio fans did not appreciate the situation, and probably Mr. Todd owes his defeat to their action at the polls.

G. HOWARD GRANT.
President Victoria Radio Club, 71 Linden Avenue, Victoria, B.C., December 12, 1925.

Music by Radio

Sir,—The lovely violin music that came over CPCT on Friday night was played by a lady who, I am told, lives in this city. Wouldn't it be possible to always have music of this same class, and then all criticism would be silenced?

THELMA HARRIS.
1010 Princess Avenue, Victoria, B.C., December 12, 1925.

To Goat Breeders

Sir,—I am very glad to see the letter from Mr. Maurice, S.P.A., inspector, in your Saturday issue, warning people against leaving goats tethered out in the rain. Goats particularly suffer frequently from exposure usually causes pneumonia and death. In Great Britain the magistrates usually punish severely any cases of such cruelty to animals, and Mr. Maurice will have the hearty support of this association in his endeavors to put a stop to the practice of leaving goats tied out in the rain and in his efforts to punish offenders.

GEORGE PILMER.
Secretary B.C. Goat-Breeders' Association, Victoria, B.C., December 12, 1925.

Connaught Seamen's Institute

Sir,—Owing to the British and Foreign Sailors' Society not having sent their usual donation for Christmas cheer for the sailors, I fear we may have to curtail our hospitality and relief this year unless the good people of Victoria come to our aid. During the Christmas season it is our custom to keep open house, and on Christmas Day a real old English dinner is provided. Contributions in money should be sent to Mrs. Gordon Smith, treasurer to the Ladies' Guild for Sailors, or to Mrs. Thomson, Alexander, in kind to the Connaught Seamen's Institute, Superior Street, or the Victoria Wood & Coal Co., Broad Street. The smallest contribution gratefully received.

ALICE THOMSON.
President Ladies' Guild for Sailors, Victoria, B.C., December 12, 1925.

Letter of Thanks

Sir,—I should like, through the columns of your paper, to thank all those who have been so sympathetic in my recent sad bereavement. I wish specially to thank the captain of the Evelyn and Mr. Angus for finding and caring for my husband's body, and the members of the Provincial Police, the secretary and members of the association of Transport Workers for their valuable assistance in helping me to identify the body; the military authorities for their kindness in rendering military honors at the funeral, and all those who sent such beautiful floral tributes.

(MRS.) M. V. ELLIOT.
831 Shore Street, Saanich, B.C., December 11, 1925.

Inspiration of Scriptures

Sir,—I was glad, as I am sure many of your readers were, to read your leader on the inspiration of the Bible. I notice that some of your correspondents speak disparagingly of "fundamentalism." I suppose it is a coined word for the occasion, as I can't find it in Webster's dictionary, but "fundamental," according to this dictionary, means "pertaining to the foundation or basis, hence essential, as a fundamental truth, a fundamental axiom." If that is the correct

Fashion Fancies

By Miss Belmont



Many dresses of the new season would be especially plain except for their use in ways of the material as decoration. These linings may outline a yoke or suggest a panel, but they never fail to add smartness.

The dress above uses the wine-colored satin, which is having such a pronounced vogue. Shaped insets of the material are used for trimming, and the frock is made with a lighter foundation skirt and a circular overskirt joined to the bodice.

Every handkerchief linen, embroidered in dull green, makes the collar and cuffs.

Save on Dentistry

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The Queen of Sheba brought her questions to Solomon. It has been said by an old writer, "It is not safe to suffer doubts to dwell too long upon the heart; there may be good use of them as passengers, they are dangerous as inmates, happy are we, if we can find a Solomon to remove them."

Should we not be wiser and more humble with our difficulties instead of cutting the knots by saying that these portions are uninspired. Archbishop Leighton said: "There is nothing more worthy of the name of obedience than the subjection of the mind to receive and believe those supernatural truths that the Gospel teaches us concerning Jesus Christ." This is not credulity.

L. G. FAWKES.
Point Comfort, Mayne Island, B.C., Dec. 11, 1925.

"American Influence"

Sir,—My attention has just been called to a statement in an Ontario newspaper to the effect that when I asserted that the Mackenzie King Government's disastrous policy of allowing the free export of Canada's raw pulpwood is influenced by American interests, I was "either saying too much or too little." If I am saying too much the resource rests with the Government which can, if it is interested, require me to appear and produce my evidence. If, on the other hand, I have said "too little," this is also something that can be remedied at the proper time and place.

FRANK J. D. BARNJUM.
Montreal, Que., Dec. 7, 1925.

Optional Pension Fund Is Planned

Teachers Would Be Safeguarded in Case of Ill-Health or Old Age

Mr. H. H. Neelands' amendment to the bill introduced by Hon. Dr. MacLean, Minister of Education, to amend the School Act, asking in effect, that a fund be established at the option of teachers from which could be paid pensions to teachers who, having rendered long service were unable to continue in service because of ill-health or old age, was left in abeyance by the Legislature yesterday when, at the request of Dr. MacLean, the committee rose and secured authority to sit again to carry on second reading.

Hon. Dr. MacLean explained several minor amendments which it was proposed to insert in the bill as originally drawn, and it is very probable that Mr. Neelands' amendment will also be inserted when the bill is considered again.

Mr. Frank Browne, Labor member for Burnaby, and Mr. J. Hinchcliffe, second member for Victoria, both recorded themselves in favor of the South Vancouver member's proposal.

Council Considers Park for Burnside

The lands committee of the City Council is considering the question of setting aside reverted lands in the Burnside district for public park purposes, according to a statement of Aid. R. A. C. Dewar last night.

Ald. Dewar said that the committee had not yet succeeded in finding a suitable site.

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Should we not be wiser and more humble with our difficulties instead of cutting the knots by saying that these portions are uninspired. Archbishop Leighton said: "There is nothing more worthy of the name of obedience than the subjection of the mind to receive and believe those supernatural truths that the Gospel teaches us concerning Jesus Christ." This is not credulity.

L. G. FAWKES.
Point Comfort, Mayne Island, B.C., Dec. 11, 1925.

"American Influence"

Sir,—My attention has just been called to a statement in an Ontario newspaper to the effect that when I asserted that the Mackenzie King Government's disastrous policy of allowing the free export of Canada's raw pulpwood is influenced by American interests, I was "either saying too much or too little." If I am saying too much the resource rests with the Government which can, if it is interested, require me to appear and produce my evidence. If, on the other hand, I have said "too little," this is also something that can be remedied at the proper time and place.

FRANK J. D. BARNJUM.
Montreal, Que., Dec. 7, 1925.

Optional Pension Fund Is Planned

Teachers Would Be Safeguarded in Case of Ill-Health or Old Age

Mr. H. H. Neelands' amendment to the bill introduced by Hon. Dr. MacLean, Minister of Education, to amend the School Act, asking in effect, that a fund be established at the option of teachers from which could be paid pensions to teachers who, having rendered long service were unable to continue in service because of ill-health or old age, was left in abeyance by the Legislature yesterday when, at the request of Dr. MacLean, the committee rose and secured authority to sit again to carry on second reading.

Hon. Dr. MacLean explained several minor amendments which it was proposed to insert in the bill as originally drawn, and it is very probable that Mr. Neelands' amendment will also be inserted when the bill is considered again.

Mr. Frank Browne, Labor member for Burnaby, and Mr. J. Hinchcliffe, second member for Victoria, both recorded themselves in favor of the South Vancouver member's proposal.

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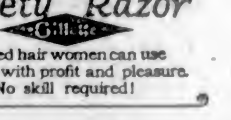
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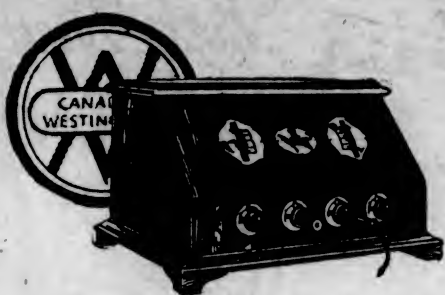
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Canadian Tour by English Soccer Team Now Fully Authorized

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The international selection committee of the English Football Association today approved of the action of the sub-committee accepting the Canadian association's proposals regarding a Dominion tour by an English soccer eleven next year.

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Soccer Team Selected to Play Cup Winners on Christmas Day

Rest of Combination Cup Contenders to Be Represented in Exhibition Match Against Esquimalt—C. V. Milton Presents Cup for One Round Trophy

In league soccer games to be played next Saturday the Wests meet Esquimalt at Beacon Hill, referee Stokes; James Island play Sons of England at James Island, referee Saunders; and United Services play Victoria United at Central Park, referee Oliver. Kick-off in all games at 2:30 p.m.

A cup has been presented to the association by Mr. C. V. Milton, to be known as the Milton Cup. This trophy will be played for in a one-round league, each team meeting each other team once with two points for a win and one for a draw and a play-off in case of a tie at the end. Entries for this competition must be

sent in to Secretary A. V. Robertson, at 929 Agnes Street, up to 5 p.m. on Monday next, or at the Y.M.C.A. at 7:30 p.m. There will be an entrance fee of five dollars for each team.

The team was selected last night to represent the Rest against Esquimalt, winners of the Combination Cup, on Christmas Day, as follows: Isherwood (James Island); Dunn (Wests); Whyte (United Services); Shanks (R.O.E.); Thomas (Wests); and Peden (Wests); Cummins (United Services); Mulcahy (Wests); Coulter (United Services); Quinton (Sons of England); and Ceper (United Services). Reserves, Weir, Hawkes, Smith and Allen (United Services).

Cedar Hill Win From Priors by Single Point

City Basketball Games Provide Plenty of Thrills—Sons of St. George Beat Machine Gunners

Three good hoop games were played last night at the Armories in the City Basketball League. In the first encounter the Sons of St. George's trimmed the Machine Gunners to the tune of 13-4, while the boys from St. Andrew's just managed to down the Sons of England in a class "C" fixture. The final game between Priors and Cedar Hill was a "humdinger," the winner being in doubt up to the last second of play. In the end the visitors managed to squeeze through with a 14-15 win.

In the first game the Machine Gunners managed to hold the Sons of St. George down to a 5-2 score in favor of the Sons, but in the second period they fell by the wayside and the Saints ran through for a victory. The teams were:

Sons of St. George: Seale (6), Noel (2), Mercer (4), Limley (1), Armitage and Jones.

Machine Gunners: Griffiths, Garnot, Davidson, Griffiths, Pringle (4), and Griffiths.

The second game was close right up to within five minutes of the end when the Saints ran in three baskets in short order and put the game on ice. The teams were:

St. Andrew's: Bissell (8), S. Smith (6), C. Smith (6), Brown, Johnson, Paulson and Smith.

Sons of England: T. De Macedo (5), Stubbs (6), Thomas (7), Latham, Parks, Hill and Bradley.

Cedar Hill played a great game to

down the fast-stepping quintette from Priors. With about two minutes to go the teams were on even terms. Then Cedar Hill went in the lead on a free throw, but Partington's long shot offset this advantage and it looked as if the game was Priors. With half a minute to go the ball was centred. Robinson grabbed the ball from the toss and looking neither to the right nor left shot at the hoop. Luck was with him, for the ball sailed clean through the net, placing his team in the lead and winning the game. It was a hard game to lose, but a fine one to win. The teams were:

Cedar Hill: McMichael, McRae (11), Robinson (4), Vickers (1), and Price. Priors: Partington (7), Nichol (2), Veitch (6), Henderson and Muir.

Racing at Tijuana

TIJUANA, Mex., Dec. 14.—Following are the results of yesterday's racing here:

First Race, Five Furlongs—Runamoor, 97 (Whitaker), \$10.00; \$4.00; \$2.40; Betty O'Brien, 104 (Munden), \$2.40; \$3.00; Single Dale, 102 (Pendergast), \$4.00. Time 1:02.

Second Race, Mile and One-Quarter—Plunger, 92 (Wallace), \$2.40; \$2.60; \$2.20; Wonder Light, 93 (Munden), \$2.20; \$2.80; Torsida, 93 (Taylor), \$2.00. Time 3:53.5.

Third Race, Six Furlongs—Kilauea, 102 (White), \$16.50; \$4.30; \$3.60; Joe V., 108 (Holecko), \$5.00; \$3.20; Tom Craven, 102 (Sybil), \$2.60. Time 1:13.5.

Fourth Race, Five and One-Half Furlongs—Endman, 103 (Martinez), \$4.00; \$3.20; \$2.40; Quintana Roo, 104 (Munden), \$2.30; \$2.40; Vibrator, 107 (Sybil), \$3.40. Time 1:07.5.

Fifth Race, Six Furlongs—Oprey, 124 (Petoldt), \$4.30; \$3.20; \$2.20; Runolath, 104 (Martinez), \$4.60; \$2.20; Sweeping Away, 111 (Baker), \$2.20. Time 1:11.5.

Sixth Race, Four and One-Half Furlongs—Pt. Church, 102 (Munden), \$4.40; \$2.60; \$2.20; Eze, 114

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longs—Bryndear, 105; Ormesbrook, 107; Rotarian Flight, 109; Hiram Taylor, 109; Kingman, 110; Polo Star, 112; Rochester Jr., 113; *Miss Emmert, 119; *Edmon, 122; *Irwin entry.

Sixth Race, Six Furlongs—Phillips Lago, 98; Briant Kent, 95; Shasta Express, 99; Yokohama Girl, 102; Not Enough, 103; Sequen, 103; Wedlock, 107; Betty Maloney, 108; Good Hope, 110; Perhaps, 115.

Seventh Race, Five and One-Half Furlongs—Irish King, 108; Sunny Maid, 103; Cleo's Rochester, 108; Friend Joe, 111; Spanish Star, 111; Letter Six, 114; Thirteen, 114; Highland Chief, 114; Ruth Gold, 114.

Eighth Race, Mile and Seventy Yards—Eldred, 95; Isaman, 105; Hands Up, 105; Sophia Goldman, 106; Crystal Bourn, 105; Zealot, 108; Spear Shot, 110; Breachloader, 111; Dowry, 111; Dumfounder, 111.

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U.S. Financier Scoffs at Talk Of British Ruin

Business Man Answers Former Ambassador's "Blue Ruin" Picture—Britain Not in Desperate Straits

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—An answer to the "blue ruin" picture of Great Britain recently presented in an article by George Harvey, former United States Ambassador to the Old Country, has been cable from London to The Wall Street Journal by a noted United States financier, C. W. Barron, president of the Dow Jones Company.

He contends that Mr. Harvey should have delved deeper into British finance before adjudging the Old Country in such desperate straits.

Owes Self Mainly

"You cannot safely take the Englishman at his own depreciated valuation," Mr. Barron says. "While France shrugs her shoulders and endeavors to patch up or hide her unpleasant problems, John Bull digs his up and puts them in the front yard. The main contention of Mr. Harvey would be laughable if the discussion of it were not in danger of taking on a serious international aspect. How can a man go broke by writing his own notes, payable only to himself?"

Mr. Barron declares that the \$4,000,000,000 Great Britain borrowed from the United States is the only debt that can ever really bother her, "for it's her only external debt." He says there is nobody in the Old Country who can agree with Mr. Harvey that the payment of this debt is a menace to the future of Britain. "And besides," the financier warns, "an advertisement declaring for financial weakness is never any help for foreign trade." Mr. Barron calls attention to the fact that Great Britain still leads in foreign trade throughout the world, and says:

Little Trade Trouble

"England talks about her trade problems as she searches for ways of improvement, but she has little trouble from them. As a matter of fact she is more troubled over trade in Germany and Russia, with whom she does business, than over her own trade. She is troubled now that the United States does not engage more in foreign trade, but persists in aloofness, and high prices and wages within her own borders. She sees the United States within two years losing a part of her gold as her balance of trade vanishes. England believes that as prices rise in the United States, so must they eventually fall."

The Wall Street magnate says England is still English with the Russian agitators being deported, and finds that the country's worst troubles are behind her.

Coal Subsidy Commended

He contends that those who opposed the coal settlement now admit that the Government subsidy was the cheaper way. In settling the Irish boundary problem, Mr. Barron says, the British Government "did the impossible," and she is now doing the "second impossibility," taxing a lesson from the United States and protecting some of her trade from foreign competition by a thirty-three per cent duty.

"No, Mr. Harvey," the article says, "the trouble is not in England nor in her budget, nor in their interest payments, nor in her threatened trade decadence. The trouble is still on the continent of Europe."

Raine Aid Australian Crops

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—There were fairly general rains in Australia during November, and this favored the late crops, according to a cablegram received by the Department of Agriculture today from the International Institute of Agriculture.

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Grain Expert Denies Alleged Soviet Plan

Sir Herbert Robson Declares Improbable Reported Rigging of Wheat by Moscow

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Sir Herbert Robson, noted grain importer, says he thinks it is extremely improbable that there has been any rigging of the Winnipeg and Chicago wheat markets by Bolshevik agents by circulating reports earlier in the year that Russia would export large quantities of wheat with a view to profiting by a fall in prices as the result of such reports, as charged by London newspapers.

In Sir Herbert's opinion, however, it is quite clear that the Russians have been selling their own ends by grossly over-estimating their own crop and transport facilities.

"Russia's disappearance as an exporter of wheat occurred in October," Sir Herbert says. "Then the drought in Australia caused disappointment in the Australian crop and this was followed by the crop in Argentina. At the present time the only large block of wheat in the world upon which the importer can draw is the Canadian wheat which is largely in the hands of the Farmers' Co-operative Society, whose natural and proper object is to realize the price."

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Chinaman Must Explain Fire

Accused of Attempted Arson, Pon Poy Leung Will Go to Higher Court for Trial

Pon Poy Leung, charged with attempted arson, has been committed for trial by police magistrate Jay. The offence alleged against accused is that he tried to set fire to a house, 615 Discovery Street, in which a Chinese woman, Lee Chin Chee, whom Pon Poy Leung claims is his wife, was living with her uncle and aunt, Lee Hun and wife.

The Crown's case is that repeated threats were made against Lee Chin Chee. "See how many days you can escape me and I will kill you," he is alleged to have said to the girl. A letter, written to her by accused, was produced and translated in court yesterday in which a demand was made for money if she wished to cut free from accused and marry someone else. In the translation given there appeared the statement "If you wish to work free and marry another man you will have to compensate me."

In Love With Widow Lee Chin Chee, who had been married previously, had for some time after she became a widow been eagerly sought after by Pon Poy Leung, who wished her to go to China and marry him. They had eventually gone back to China, but all was not smooth in their domestic affairs, it would appear, as she alleged that he threatened "to shoot her with a gun like a worm." He had also beat her and finally got her to come back to Victoria.

She had gone to work in a restaurant in Duncan while, according to her evidence, accused would not work, but demanded money from her. Finally she had to give up her position, come to Victoria and live with her uncle.

Accused continued to bother her, but was denied admission to the house. A week ago Sunday he had followed her and her friends and had warned her, "Look out for your life."

Early Monday morning following this Lee Chin Chee was awakened by the dogs barking and getting up saw fire at the back of the house. She saw accused walking away, she testified. Her uncle was aroused and going down some burning paper and broken firecrackers. Some of the boards were scorched and there was a smell of coal oil.

Coal Oil Smelled Chief Fry was called and gathered the embers from the fire that had been there. The following day a broken bottle with some coal oil was found by Lee Chin Chee behind a piece of galvanized iron nearby.

Lee Chuck, who worked in the laundry next door to Lee Hun's home, had stopped accused from going into the yard the day before. Accused had become angry and had said "Better tell two of them to look out for their lives."

Lee Hun, uncle of the girl, testified that accused had said in his hearing he would kill the girl if she did not go back to him. Lee How, brother of Lee Hun, gave evidence that he had heard accused say he would burn down his brother's house.

Accused, who has no counsel, asked permission to testify on his own behalf, but his evidence consisted of a rambling account of the shortcomings of the girl, Lee Chin Chee, with no reference whatever to the fire that was located in rear of the house. The magistrate committed him for trial.

Jumped to His Death

SEATTLE, Dec. 14.—Joseph Mayberry Harris, twenty-nine, died shortly after being picked up in front of a hotel here yesterday. Police reported that Harris jumped out of a second-story window. He was employed by a lumber company as a bookkeeper.

Allegations on "Big Cheese" to Be Probed

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"Chief" or "Cheese"?

One of the points which will be cleared up when Mr. Shannon is recalled is whether he referred to Mr. McArthur as "the big cheese," or the "big chief," in the issuing of licences. Chairman Ian Mackenzie and Mr. H. F. Kergin maintained at the committee meeting yesterday morning that it was "big chief," which, the chairman said, was more respectful than "big cheese," and the stenographic report bore out their assertion. Mr. R. H. Pooley, Mr. H. D. Twigg and the press reporter who was present maintain that Mr. McArthur was called the "big cheese." Mr. Shannon, when he appears before the committee today or tomorrow, will be asked to break the empane.

On being called, Mr. Meredith said that Mr. H. J. McSorley had consulted him several times on recent matters. Early in May of this year he had come to him about the lease on the Palace Hotel, Hastings Street, Vancouver. The lease called for McSorley to make extensive alterations and repairs to the buildings, and the landlord, a man named Monka, was calling on him to start work. Mr. McSorley told the witness that he had made application for a beer licence for the portion of the premises that he had leased, and that Liquor Commissioner McArthur had promised him he would get it.

Mr. Twigg—Did he mention any other names?

Mr. Meredith—Not that I can recollect.

"You acted for him?"

"Yes, a writ was entered against him and I put in a defence."

Licence Allegedly Promised

Continuing, Mr. Twigg asked if the witness had asked him to endeavor to secure a licence for him for the premises.

Mr. Meredith explained that he had been asked to do so, and as Mr. McSorley had leased the premises in anticipation of obtaining a licence he thought that if it could be obtained the trouble over the lease would be settled. The witness told Mr. McSorley that he knew the liquor commissioner personally and he was a reasonable man, and he would see what he could do. He interviewed Mr. Davidson at the office of the Liquor Control Board in Vancouver.

Mr. Twigg—You wrote to him regarding the McSorley licence?

"Yes, in respect to his refusal to grant one."

Mr. Twigg—What did Mr. Davidson say when you saw him?

Mr. Meredith—As a matter of fact Mr. Davidson told me that Mr. Davidson had promised him a licence and as a result he had gone ahead with the lease. I thought it was atrocious if a public official would make a promise and then not keep it.

Chairman Mackenzie—This alleged promise was before he came to you?

Mr. Meredith—Yes, Mr. Davidson took the position that Mr. McSorley had entered into the lease without any promise. He said that while he had heard accused say he would burn down his brother's house, he would obtain the licence.

Mr. Twigg—Did Mr. Davidson say that he did not want to be a storm centre?

"Not at that interview."

Mr. Twigg—When was it?

Objections Referred To

Mr. Meredith—Some time after Mr. McSorley came to me. The subject of beer licences received considerable attention through the efforts of Mr. Woodward to have no more issued. Mr. Davidson said that owing to Mr. Woodward's objections he did not want to grant any more licences in that district.

Mr. Twigg—When was the expression "storm centre" used?

Mr. Meredith—He used some kind of an expression like that; I cannot recollect just what it was now. His remarks were to the effect that he was not going to take the onus of going against local opposition.

Mr. Twigg—What did he mean?

Mr. Meredith—I took it to mean that objections having been made by merchants in the district, and particularly by Mr. Woodward, he was not going to issue any more licences in that locality.

Mr. Twigg—Do you know of any other licences having been issued in that district?

Mr. Meredith—There may have been later.

Mr. Twigg—Were any other persons referred to in that conversation with Mr. Davidson, except that of Mr. Woodward?

Merchants Not Favorable

"I cannot recollect any other names being mentioned, but the impression that I received was that the merchants generally in the district were opposed to further licences."

Mr. Twigg—Did you see Mr. Manson, or any other ministers in regard to the licence?

Mr. Meredith—No.

"Was Mr. Campbell, your partner, engaged?"

Mr. Meredith—No; I handled the matter entirely.

"Did Mr. Campbell do anything?"

Mr. Meredith—As far as I know Mr. Campbell was not engaged either by Mr. McSorley or Mr. Shannon.

"Did you discuss the matter with Mr. Campbell?"

"Yes; we both thought that on the facts as given by Mr. McSorley he should get a licence."

Mr. Twigg—Do you say positively that he did not use his influence?

Mr. Meredith—Not as far as I know. Chairman Mackenzie—Evidence was given about a \$100 fee; what have you to say about it?

No Money Received

Mr. Meredith—Neither I nor the firm received any money in connection with obtaining a licence from either Mr. McSorley or Mr. Shannon. As I explained, Mr. McSorley came to me in connection with his trouble over the lease. That was the matter for which I was acting. He was used by the landlord and I acted for him. For all our services rendered up to date we rendered him a bill for \$200 in August, of which he had paid \$100. This is the only money that we received from Mr. McSorley in connection with any services of any kind for him.

Mr. Twigg—Did you ever discuss a \$100 fee?

Mr. Meredith—When it appeared as if we were going to have to fight, Mr. McSorley asked me what was going to cost him and I told him he would have to make provision for \$100 at least. This was not mentioned by me as a retainer.

Mr. Twigg—If he had obtained his

licence there would not have been any trouble about the lease?

"It is not likely."

Mr. Twigg, in further questions, asked if the witness had endeavored to obtain the licence, to which Mr. Meredith replied that he had explained that he had taken the matter up with Mr. Davidson and that he had done everything he could because he thought at that time that Mr. McSorley was getting "a rotten deal" and he considered it to be his duty to his client to see that he obtained fair play in the circumstances of the case. Mr. Twigg also asked if the witness knew Mr. Shannon.

Mr. Shannon "Amused Him"

"Yes, but I never took any instructions from him. Mr. McSorley was my client. I rather avoided Mr. Shannon in matters pertaining to my dealings with Mr. McSorley. I understood that Mr. McSorley had taken Mr. Shannon in because of his influence. This was before Mr. McSorley came to me. I knew nothing about anything political."

Mr. Twigg—But you talked to Mr. Shannon?

Mr. Meredith—I talked to him several times, but I never took him seriously. He amused me. He was always making reference to what he said was "inside stuff." I paid very little attention to these remarks.

Mr. Twigg—Did Mr. Davidson ever say why he did not grant the licence?

Mr. Meredith—He said that in the first place the premises did not conform to the regulations; secondly, that there was opposition to the granting of further licences in the locality from the merchants, and, thirdly, that a man named Dixon had a prior application before the board for the adjoining premises in the Palace Hotel. Col. McDougall, of the liquor enforcement department, had inspected the premises in respect to Dixon's licence and there were these two licence applications which conflicted. He said that he had no sympathy with Mr. McSorley for having rushed into the lease.

Mr. Twigg—Did you ever have any conversation with Mr. Davidson when Mr. Shannon was present?

Mr. Meredith—Not that I can recollect. The only times that I saw Mr. Davidson—four or five times—were in his office in Vancouver. I believe I did call him up over long-distance at Victoria.

Mr. A. E. Munn—You probably know how much Mr. McSorley lost in the matter?

\$5,000 Out of Pocket

Mr. Meredith—As an estimate I would say he was out of pocket about \$5,000.

Major Burde—I would take it that Mr. Shannon was a man of strong imagination?

"Yes."

"How about this 'inside stuff'? He represented himself to have considerable political influence? Did he appear to have hallucinations that he won the Grand Forks by-election?"

Mr. Meredith—He said that he was there and thought that he should have the beer licence for what he had done there.

Mr. R. H. Pooley—Greenwood, was it not?

Mr. Twigg—Do you swear he had no political influence?

"Well," laughed Mr. Meredith, "judging by results he did not appear to have much."

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